

YES - The New Elongated Club that was formed at the ANA Convention, in the TAMS Hospitality Room on Aug. 20th, Now has a name. Our thanks to Milt Heitman, Chairman of the NAMES COMMITTEE, and Alice Moon, who had to keep sending out all the votes to him. Also thanks to all the members that took the time to vote for a name. Our Club's Name, is "THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS", or for short "TEC". This name got more votes than all other names put together.

We've had some wonderful publicity for our little club "TEC". We wish to give our thanks to CLIFFORD MISHLER for the real nice write up he gave us in "TAMS JOURNAL" AND also in the "NUMISMATIC NEWS". Thanks also to FAY C. SMITH for the nice write ups in "HAMMOND TIMES" & "THE GARY HERALD PAPERS", he says he will also get it in "STEEL LABOR" & "THE BUTCHER WORKMAN". These publications have a circulation of nearly one and a half million, so the Club should be come pretty widely known, beforetoo long. We also got a nice write up by "RON MEHRER" in the "ARIZONA STATE NUMISMATIC ASS'N. NEWS", out of the 8 page newsletter, we got a half page, we thankyou RON, he has also joined our club.

The Officers and Board Members of "TEC", have voted unanimously that "All those that have paid their dues of \$2.00, on or after the organizational Meeting on Aug. 20, 1966, are paid up in FULL till Jan. 1, 1968". This is possible because of the Club "TEC", not having any expenses for 1966. Ralph Jobe is donating the Membership Coin, and I (Dottie Dow) have paid for all expenses for the Newsletters till Jan. 1, 1967, when the Club will be on it's own feet.

"TEC NEWS" will now take over the job, that for the last 2 years, has been done by "ARIZONA ELONGATEDS NEWSLETTER", publishing all the NEW ISSUES coming out of elongateds, who's DISPLAYING ELONGATEDS, (Whether you win or not is not the important thing, just that you do keep displaying and let people know what elongateds are), SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW ELONGATEDS, for I feel suggestions should be available to ALL MANUFACTURERS OF ELONGATEDS, otherwise how will they know that collectors want? We will also be having articles pertaining to elongateds, (Do you have one? Even a shorty? If so, send it in.). REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES. INFORMATION on any items printed about the Elongated Club. In other words, we shall do our best to keep you well informed in the "Elongated World".

A new publication has just been put out by ARLIE SLABAUGH. A 32 page booklet on Xmas Tokens & Medals (including elongated coins). Book available for \$1.00. Write to ARLIE @ 7409 W. Howard St., Chicago 48, Illinois. Tell him you heard about his booklet in "TEC NEWS", and if you want him to autograph his book, I'm sure he will, he's a wonderful person and a great numismatist, I'm proud to be a friend of his.

All of the NEW ISSUES for the last two months have been written up in the "ARIZONA ELONGATEDS" Newsletter, so if you didn't get a copy send a stamped envelope to me, "Dottie Dow", BOX 5238, Phoenix, Ariz. One person requested being mentioned again because of change of address:

JOHN B. HOUCHIN, new address, 417 S. Hy 61, Box 600, Hannibal, Mo., Remember he has an unlisted Lords Prayer (code to be LPdbOTAE-16) and an unlisted 10 Commandments (code to be RELt,c-8b). You can get them both from him for \$1.00. These are the same elongateds I mentioned in "THE ELONGATED NEWS" MAY-JUNE, 1966 issue. He says he's glad to trade his 2 elongateds (Die Engraved over 40 years ago), 1 for 1, to anyone interested.

HENRY BLAHA has been appointed Chairman of the RESTRIKE COMMITTEE. If you have any information on restrikes, or can help him in any way, write to him @ 1813 S. 58th Court, Cicero, Illinois 60650.

HAROLD SCHMAL is Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, a copy of them is going out to all officers and board members for their approval. Copy will be sent all members with the Jan. Feb., 1967 TEC News.

H. C. Schmal also said he will have the Prices Realized from his last elongated sale for our Jan. issue.

We will not print the names of the new members at this time, but will wait until the Jan. issue, so we can have all Charter Members on one list. Remember, Charter Membership closes on Dec. 31st. 1966

SUGGESTIONS: We've had a few more: R.V. Brandenburg suggests "Flags of all Nations" past and present. "Images of all ruling personages, as Kings and Queens, etc. Henry Blaha suggests "St. Louis Arch", "General Tip Coin for all", "Smokey the Bear". L.J. Kelly sent in 3 pages of suggestions, we are printing just a few here, as a lot of these have been suggested before and we don't want to duplicate if possible, but he sure has given this a lot of time and thought, "Famous American Authors", "Famous Outlaws", "Famous Inventors", "Birthstone Series, Venus de Milo, and a whole bunch of "Famous Firsts".

A Message from your 1st President
Dottie Dow

I wish to thank the Founding Members of TEC for electing me to be your first president. I consider it a great honor, but also realize the important job you have given me, and shall do my best to fulfill your faith in me.

The first newsletters will be small, but I hope they will grow and get bigger, and will relay more and more information. For this I need the help of all of you. Remember, this is your club, and I need every members help to make it a success.

Be a worker and helper, don't just ask what you can do to help. Figure out what you want from your new club and then help to make it a reality. If you have a suggestion, fine, but be willing to help carry out your suggestion. For instance, you may suggest Articles on Elongateds that may interest other collectors. Fine, write the first article yourself (I guarantee it will be printed), then dig and see what your next article will be, or who you know who might write one for us.

Don't make a suggestion unless you can help your club make it a reality, suggestions are a dime a dozen, workers to put a suggestion into being and make it a reality, are worth their weight in gold, and what this club needs to be a success. Also, with these thoughts in mind, your suggestions will become a reality and not just a figment of your imagination.

I don't know which of you has good background for which job, I won't know until you tell me, and prove it to me. If there's a committee you'd like to see formed, fine, will you be the head of it? If you will, I'll try to find workers to help you. It's easy to be a "joiner", every club has lots of these, and it's even easier to say "I'd help, but I'm so busy". We all can find a few moments to do, that which we really want to do.

It's 4:30 in the morning, I don't have to get up till 6:00, but I had something I wanted to say to you, so I got up to say it. It's that "Minute Found", that helps. I've been working 6 days a week at a regular job, plus taking care of "The Ariz. Elongated Co." at night, yet I will find time to do all I can for OUR CLUB.

I know of no other club that has given ALL of the members a chance to select a name for their club. It is usually done by the select few that start an organization

and then sometime later is changed to suit the needs of all. For this privilege granted to us, we have to thank the founding members. There has been quite a bit of inconvenience by this (such as not being able to join TAMS, or the ANA, not being able to open a checking account or make up a membership coin) but I'm sure it will all be worth it, and we'll all be better for it in the end.

You are all probably wondering if you have a president that's had any background for the big job you've given her, you know she's capable of putting out a pretty good newsletter, (I'm not bragging, but feel it must not have been too bad a little newsletter, or I wouldn't have had so many offers to pay for it, or have to return so many people's dollars who wanted to make sure they didn't miss any of them).

Next year I will be serving my NINTH YEAR as an officer of the Phoenix Coin Club. What could I do to serve so many years? 2 as Secretary, 2 as president, (the only woman president the club has had in it's 22 years as a club), 3 as board of Director, 1 as Treasurer, and next year as VicePresident. I served 3 years as Secretary of "THE ARIZONA EXONUMIST SOCIETY", I am now in my second year as president. I am ass't. secretary of the ARIZONA STATE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. I am in my second year as a Board Member in the National Token and Medal Society "TAMS". I hope you will consider these enough for a start, so you know I have a small background for the BIG job you have given me. The first officers of any new club have a big job to set up standards that all future officers can follow. I am sure we will all do our best.

Respectfully & Humbly Submitted,
dottie dow

"OUR CROSS IN '67"

by
BEN MIXON

The Elongated Cents recently rolled for CREIGHTON METHODIST CHURCH in Phx., were rolled to commemorate the ground breaking for the new Youth Center and Fellowship Hall of that Church. The Building in the center of the elongated, is what the Hall is to look like. The "OUR CROSS IN '67" is the Motto adopted for the building campaign. Nearly 500 of these coins were given to church members and friends who attended the ceremony on Oct. 2nd, 1966. The coin was designed by Benj. Mixon, and approved by the Southwest Conference of Methodist Churches.

(Ed. Note: Anyone desiring this elongated, please send your cash donation to Dottie)

"THE WAY I COLLECT"

by
A. A. Rosato

What good would it be if you could gain every variety elongated ever made if the rest of the World could care less? The way I collect is; I reason it out this way. I want others to enjoy what I collect. I Want them to see what I collect. I want them to share the same enjoyment in viewing my collection as I have in assembling it. For what other reason would I collect? To hide it? To throw them into a "Cigar Box" and see how many I can get for future "Speculation"? There is no answer why we go into a phase of collecting but I know what I want, and that is to share my enjoyment with who ever is interested in enjoying it with me!!

As you can see, articles need not be long to be published. The Next article is on the "FREEDOM TRAIN". An UNlisted Elongated we were grateful to hear of, thanks to Gus Pappas (one of our board members), and Ben Odesser. Coin is Horizontal, with train in center, and the following wording, /SPIRIT OF 1776/. /FREEDOM TRAIN/. Dotted border.

"THE FREEDOM TRAIN"

by

H. C. Schmal

The Freedom Train was built special from engine to the last car, just to exhibit the 128 priceless and historical documents, all ORIGINALS, such as the Declaration of Independence, The Bill of Rights, The Emancipation Proclamation and all the other items of American Heritage.

The train was made of 1 engine, a diesel of 2000 horsepower, 3 special designed cars for exhibits plus 4 other exhibit cars. Also 3 parlor cars for the officials, workers and guards, and a baggage car for parts etc. The Engine and cars were painted solid white with a bold red and blue strip running the full length. In the spirit of the event the engine bore the number 1776.

The trip started from Philadelphia Sept. 11, 1947, on a trip of 37,000 miles covering all of the then 48 states, and returned to Washington DC on Jan. 22, 1949 making the longest Railroad trip in the world.

Stops were made at more than 300 cities to show the exhibits. It took 2 years just to plan and equip this tour, and the trip required the combined effort of 52 railroads with over 5000 railroad employees help.

Security was in the hands of a group of 27 Marines.

The cars have since been converted to other uses and the engine is pulling freight for the Gulf Mobile & Ohio RR., a bronze plaque attached to the engine proclaims its First Trip which is quite famous now.

"THE ELONGATED WHICH WAS ALMOST NEVER MADE"

by

Dottie Dow

In April of this year, I asked my husband if he'd do the Art Work for "The Lord's Prayer in Latin". Since the Catholic Church no longer requires Mass to be said in Latin, I thought it would be a nice remembrance of "the old way".

My husband got a small "Prayer Card" with the Prayer on it, took it down to be enlarged, brought it home, cut it in strips to paste up as it would go on an elongated coin, but found it just wouldn't work. At this time he had to go to Miami, Fla. on personal business, while he was there, he took the copy of the Lord's Prayer to a typesetter in Miami and had it set up. When he got home he took this new copy down, had a reversal made, then a zinc, and we gave the zinc to the engraver.

After a week, the engraver came over, showed us a die with just a half of a sentence engraved. He said he wanted to show it to us before he went further. He didn't think it would work. He'd already ruined 4 cutters in just that half sentence. It didn't look good, but we put it on the machine to see how it would look.

The first one rolled way too long, then the next one rolled way off center, then 13 good ones were rolled. Did I say "good"? The type was so small, it was hard to read with a magnifying glass. We could never use it, we were all disappointed, we thought we saw the birth and death of an elongated. Ben Mixon, our engraver, took one of the elongateds as a souvenir, of an elongated that would never be finished. He also took the die down to be ground down and try to salvage to be used again.

Should we give it up? No I said, we can't give up. So back to another typesetter. I almost screamed when my husband said it would be \$15.00 just to have it reset in type. But we had it done again. This time the lines were so far apart it didn't look good at all. Again the engraver came over, we asked him if this looked usable? He said no, lettering still too small and lines too far apart, it would never fit. So we had to go shopping for still another typesetter. Low and behold we found one that would do the job for just half what the last one cost. We got the copy.

It looked OK to us, so again we called in Ben, Yes, he thought this one would work. So we took the copy in for another reversal and then this in for a new zinc. The zinc went to Ben to use with his pantograph Machine to engrave the die. Six weeks later, we finally had the "LATIN LORD'S PRAYER", on an elongated cent. To one seeing it for the first time, it may not seem much. But to us who know and tried, we know it was "The Elongated Which Was Almost Never Made".

A memo from the Editor & Asst. Editor of TEC;

We would like your support for 2nd Vice president of the ANA for 1967-69 term. A man that has helped clubs likeours to become part of the huge annual convention each year. Don Sherer who has served as a Board Member of the ANA for 5 years 1954-59, then as Ass't. to the Secretary till 1962, when he became the first Executive Secretary for the next 4 years. It was Don who went to the Board and the Convention Officials back in 1962 and got the ANA to help the then very small TAMS, have a meeting room both for the board meetings and the general meeting. The following year the ANA carried notices in the official programs and has continued this ever since. Thru the TAMS and the ANA, our club TEC was able to have a very nice room to start our club for its very first meeting, and at no charge.

Don Sherer's record as the Exc. Sec. of the ANA is without a doubt the best of any secretary of the ANA. For one thing he was able, with the help of a few others, to get a special mailing rate for the Numismatist, that saves the ANA \$5,000 a year in postage fees, since 1962. And that ain't hay!!! Before Don took over most records of membership including Dues, receipts were done by hand. Now all are done by modern business machines that keep an accurate record. He also drafted the new Exhibit Rules now in effect. The Educational Award Certificate Program and the Exhibit Award Program are both his ideas. Slide Sets are now handled by the Sec. office and due to this, Parcel Post is used, when possible, instead of Railway Express, which saves the user from \$3 to \$5 each time. If space would permit we could go on and on, about the many things he has done. LETS use this mans 12 years of experience of ANA affairs, and nominate him for 2nd VICE PRESIDENT. Have your local coin club do this at once if you can. You can also send in your personal nominations for him. Send to; ANA, BOX 2366, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, 80901.

YOU WONDER WHY WE ARE PUTTING IN THIS BIT ABOUT VOTING FOR DON SHERER, WHEN WE HAVEN'T YET PAID OUR CLUB DUES? (They will be paid as soon as we get a checking account). REMEMBER: IT'S MEN LIKE DON SHERER, THAT RECOGNIZE OUR LITTLE SPLINTER GROUPS, AND IF WE INTEND TO HAVE OUR ANNUAL MEETINGS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANA & TAMS, WE NEED MEN LIKE HIM IN OFFICE.

All the officers of TEC, join me in wishing you a Very Merry Xmas, and a Happy New Year. Remember, if you haven't joined TEC yet, dues are \$2.00, and the charter membership will close Dec. 31st, 1966.

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